

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process, which comprises:

alkoxylating a monool with at least one alkoxylating agent to obtain a polyoxyalkylene alcohol comprising 1 to 5 alkoxy units in the presence of a catalyst which comprises a metallo-organic framework material of metal ions and at least bidentate coordinately bound organic ligands.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1, wherein the metal ion is selected from the group consisting of any one elements of Groups 1 to 18, and combinations thereof of the periodic table of the elements.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1, wherein the bidentate organic ligand is selected from the group consisting of a substituted aromatic mononuclear polycarboxylic acid, an unsubstituted aromatic mononuclear polycarboxylic acid, a substituted polynuclear aromatic polycarboxylic acid, an unsubstituted polynuclear aromatic polycarboxylic acid, a substituted aromatic mononuclear polycarboxylic acid comprising at least one heteroatom, an unsubstituted aromatic mononuclear polycarboxylic acid comprising at least one heteroatom, a substituted aromatic polynuclear polycarboxylic acid comprising at least one heteroatom, an unsubstituted aromatic polynuclear polycarboxylic acid comprising at least one heteroatom, and combinations thereof.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 3, wherein the bidentate organic ligand is terephthalic acid or a derivative thereof.

Claim 5 (Original): The process according to claim 1, wherein the metalloc-organic framework material exhibits a specific surface area, as determined via adsorption, of > 20 m²/g.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1, wherein the alkoxylation agent is selected from the group consisting of a monofunctional epoxide having 2 to 30 carbon atoms, a multifunctional epoxide ~~epoxides~~ having 2 to 30 carbon atoms, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 6, wherein the epoxide is selected from the group consisting of ethylene oxide, propylene oxide, a butylene oxide, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 8 (Cancelled).

Claim 9 (Withdrawn): A method of using an alcohol obtained by the process as claimed in claim 1, which comprises:

preparing a tenside, a flotation oil, a lubricating liquid, a hydraulic fluid, a carrier liquid or in a polyurethane foam comprising the alcohol.

Claim 10 (Withdrawn): The method of using according to claim 9 where the alcohol is selected from monools of linear and branched alkyl groups having 1 to 30 carbon atoms, which alkyl groups may carry one or more aryl substituents, of homo- and polynuclear aromatic groups having 4 to 30 carbon atoms, which aromatic groups may carry one or more

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alkyl substituents, and of linear and branched alkenyl groups having 2 to 30 carbon atoms and which alkenyl groups may carry one or more aryl substituents.